



# Costa Rica

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Two ragged, unshaven, dirty men dutifully dig a hole just big enough for the little white coffin. Family and friends dressed in white stand close by crying, consoling one another. The pastor assuring them that the precious little one is in the presence of his creator and healer closes the ceremony. Observers then pass by each dropping their white roses representing the sinless, innocence of the child, into the hole before the grave diggers lower the little body into the grave and cover it with dirt.

But what about the thousands of children all around us that are not innocent, that are old enough to understand their need of a savior? When they die?

We are very aware of the urgent need of informing the children of the eternal danger they face and the provision God has made, a Saviour. For this reason much of our outreach effort is dedicated to reaching, teaching and discipling children.

During these months of school vacation, January and February, the churches of our fellowship in Costa Rica have organized, neighborhood Bible clubs, Bible camps specializing in preschool through young adults and DVB Schools. Throughout the year our churches emphasize strong Sunday Schools and in-week programs teaching and training our children and youth in God's Word and godly life skills.

The majority of the leaders in our churches today were children won and trained through the efforts of our youth and children ministries. The Director of our Fellowship Youth Activities, the Director of our International Mission Office, the present President of our Fellowship, the Administrator of our seminary, the Directory of our seminary plus many, many more are products of ministries targeting the children and youth.

This commitment we will maintain as we continue reaching children for Christ and preparing future leaders for God's work here in Costa Rica,

Serving you and the Lord.

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